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PERISH IN BURNING MINE

Five Bodies Taken From Shaft at Pocahontas, W. Va.

RESCUERS SUSTAIN INJURIES.

Explosion Occurs Just in Time to Maim or Burn Twenty-five Who Had Come to Save—Ten Others Buried Alive in Burning Shaft.

Bluefield, W. Va., Nov. 15.—Five dead bodies have been taken from the Baby mine at Pocahontas, Va. Several other persons are unaccounted for and 25 persons have been rescued more or less severely burned.

At 3 a. m. it was discovered that the Baby mine of the Pocahontas colliery company was on fire. In a short time after the firemen reached the mines a terrific explosion occurred and many miners and their friends were more or less injured. It is supposed that the mines caught fire from a defective electric light wire. Five bodies have been recovered and it is uncertain how many more are dead, though it is now known that there are several, perhaps eight or ten, men in the mines, unless they succeeded in making their escape through the Tug river entrance. Twenty-five persons have been rescued, all more or less burned, some seriously and perhaps fatally.

The injured were carried to their homes in wagons and all the physicians in Pocahontas were busy all day attending the injured. One or two other explosions followed that of the early morning. The mine is still burning and clouds of smoke are constantly issuing from its mouth. The fan has been stopped and as soon as possible to do so the mine will be re-entered with hope of extinguishing the fire.

In 1884 Pocahontas experienced a like occurrence, in which over 100 lives were lost.

A Hungarian named Urica, Louis Woolwine, Will Montgomery and M. D. Koontz were killed while attempting to reach and bring out a dead body.

ENGLISH LIFE SAVERS DROWN.

Eleven of a Crew Near Yarmouth Added to List of Storm's Victims.

London, Nov. 15.—The loss of a lifeboat and 11 of its crew near Yarmouth heads the list of wrecks by the continued gale. The lifeboat was on its way to the rescue of a distressed vessel when it was struck by a great wave and capsized. The crew were imprisoned and only three of them succeeded in making their escape.

Innumerable minor casualties continue to be reported on all the coasts of the United Kingdom, marking the storm as the most disastrous that has occurred in many years. Snow is falling in many parts of the country. The Norwegian bark Erralle has been wrecked in the vicinity of Saltburn and eight members of its crew have been drowned.

Altogether it is known that some 50 vessels have been wrecked along the British coasts, 34 of these have been absolute wrecks, involving a loss of more than 180 drowned. The Yarmouth lifeboat disaster alone leaves 44 fatherless children.

Earthquake Does Heavy Damage.

Salt Lake, Nov. 15.—A special from Richfield, Sevier county, states that the damage to property in that county from Wednesday night's earthquake will amount to almost \$100,000. Scarcely a building escaped damage of some kind. The Mormon tabernacle at Richfield was damaged to the extent of \$2,000. The members of the choir were in the structure at the time of the shock and fled, terrified, to the street. In many parts of the country landslides have occurred, blocking roads, changing streams and causing general disorder.

Find Bodies of Mother and Daughter.

Wichita, Kan., Nov. 15.—News of the finding of the bodies of Mrs. Armstrong and her daughter at Gage, near here, has been received. The bodies were found scantily clad on the prairie south of Gage. It is supposed that they wandered out from their home and were overtaken by the blizzard that passed in the region of Gage Saturday night and died of the cold and exposure.

Three Shot in Family Feud.

San Francisco, Nov. 15.—An Italian family feud resulted yesterday in two pistol encounters and the wounding of three men, one probably fatally. Philip Caldarella is in a hospital with a bullet hole in his head and another wound in the shoulder. He is not expected to live. Special Policeman George King was shot in the hip and George Orlando was wounded in the hand.

Passenger Train Has Close Call.

Red Wing, Minn., Nov. 15.—The Chicago Great Western passenger train on the Red Wing and Zumbrota line miraculously escaped being wrecked near Goodhue yesterday. As the train was passing over a bridge the structure fell to pieces behind the cars, while in front it swayed, but stood until the train was safely over. The passengers were badly frightened.

Freight and Passenger Collide.

Osage City, Kan., Nov. 15.—Roy Ream, an engine wiper, was killed and

A Slusser, a Santa Fe fireman, faded here last night by a collision between a Santa Fe passenger train and a Missouri Pacific freight train. The collision occurred at the junction of the two roads. No passengers were hurt.

KEITH CONFESSES HIS CRIME.

Slayer of Nora Keifer Goes to His Death Singing.

Michigan City, Ind., Nov. 15.—Joseph D. Keith was hanged in the state prison here this morning for the murder of Nora Keifer. He was removed from his cell at 12:11 a. m. and led to the scaffold. At 12:12 the drop fell and in seven and one-half minutes the physicians pronounced him dead, when his body was cut down.

Keith confessed that he committed the crime. He had the chaplain with him from 8 o'clock last evening to the time he was removed from the cell.

He ascended the scaffold singing: "I am going home to die no more," and finished the song as the drop fell.

The confession covers two closely written pages of typewritten matter and is addressed to his wife. He says Nora Keifer annoyed him and tearing her much, he put the girl out of the way for the sake of his wife.

IDENTIFIED AS RATHBUN.

Trial of the Alleged Poisoner Soon Begins at Jeffersonville.

Jeffersonville, Ind., Nov. 15.—Newell C. Rathbun, suspected of killing Charles Goodman in a hotel here by poison, was yesterday afternoon positively identified by an officer and an acquaintance of the prisoner from Little Rock, Ark., where he lived for a while. Later Rathbun was arraigned before Mayor Rader in the police station on a charge of murder. Rathbun pleaded not guilty and Mayor Rader held him over to the circuit court without bond. The prisoner had no lawyer. After being arraigned he was taken back to jail. The circuit court will convene in special term Monday and a grand jury will be empaneled to consider Rathbun's case.

IOWA BOY HAS CHARMED LIFE.

Fast Freight Tosses Him High in Air, but He Survives Without Injury.

Clinton, Ia., Nov. 15.—Bert Smith, the 13-year-old son of Michael Smith, had a wonderful escape from death last night near Low Moor. He was driving across a private crossing and failed to see the approach of a special freight going at the speed of 60 miles an hour down grade. Witnesses to the accident say the engine struck the horse and buggy and the boy was thrown into the air. He came down on the engine, slid off to the ground while the train was still going at a frightful speed and walked back to the wreck. His horse was dead and the buggy ruined, but he sustained only a few bruises.

IOWA ROBBERY NUMBER EIGHT.

Private Bank at Leroy, Decatur County, Loses \$2,000.

Leroy, Ia., Nov. 15.—The First National bank of Leroy was broken into last night and \$2,000 taken. The robbers effected an entrance through the door and exploded the safe by the use of nitro-glycerine. The bank building was wrecked and the entire contents of the safe scattered about promiscuously. No one was awakened in time to see any of the robbers or secure a clue. All the cash was taken.

Boers Accused of Murder.

London, Nov. 15.—In an article on the war in South Africa the Times says today: "The Boers, as far back as last May, were guilty of murdering whole kraals of Kaffirs in order to destroy the traces of the movements of their own commandoes. The British authorities at the time, for some reason not specified, prohibited any mention of these outrages."

Schley Board is Hurrying.

Washington, Nov. 15.—The Schley court of inquiry began yesterday to hold sessions twice daily instead of the one session in the morning that has been held since the court met in the McLean building. The afternoon session will be from 2 to 4 o'clock. It is the universal desire to have the findings presented at the earliest possible date.

Queen Wilhelmina's Condition.

London, Nov. 15.—The condition of Queen Wilhelmina, according to a dispatch to the Standard from Brussels, is worse than has been officially reported. Three physicians are in attendance upon her majesty, and the queen's mother has been summoned. The royal patient will be obliged to keep her couch for six weeks.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

Fire Thursday gutted the five-story stone building, 254 East Madison street, Chicago, inflicting a total loss of about \$50,000.

A bank watchman at Minster, O., held a gang of robbers at bay until citizens came to his assistance and drove them away after a fight.

Miss Helen Vanderbilt-Wackerman, the American girl whose character was assailed by Herkimer, the London artist, has become insane.

Major Hugh R. Belknap, paymaster in the army and former representative in congress from the Third Chicago district, died at Calamba, Luzon.

J. Frankel Sons of New York bought the Hope diamond of Lord Francis Hope, which, according to cable advice, cost the purchaser \$250,000.

KNOCK FOR ADMISSION

Oklahoma and Indian Territory Enthuse Over Statehood.

TWO TERRITORIES, ONE STATE.

Delegates Meet in Joint Convention at Muskogee to Boon the Idea. Seek to Have Barriers Removed. Washington Delegation Appointed.

Muskogee, I. T., Nov. 15.—Nearly 300 delegates met here in convention yesterday and took the first active step to bring the question of single statehood for Oklahoma and Indian territory before the coming congress. The delegates were equally divided between the two territories. General enthusiasm was displayed. The Oklahoma delegates arrived at noon on a special train and were much in evidence.

Before the convention met the delegates held a caucus and divided the officers, apportioning the chairmen, temporary and permanent, to Indian territory and the secretarieships to Oklahoma.

W. T. Hutchins was decided upon for temporary chairman and E. N. Ratcliffe of Vinata for permanent chairman.

The convention met in the United States court room and was called to order at 2 o'clock. Hon. P. C. West welcomed the delegates in an eloquent address, to which Colonel Roy Hoffman of Chandler responded.

Colonel Hoffman delivered a strong argument in favor of single statehood. He referred to the assertion by the Democrats. This he denied, declaring that the leading Republican paper in Oklahoma had favored the movement in forcible editorials.

At the night session a resolution was adopted authorizing each territory to select 15 members each, the 30 to constitute a permanent executive committee to raise funds necessary for maintaining a delegation of six members, three from each territory, at Washington, and another authorizing the chairman to appoint a special committee of 15 from each territory, each committee to select three members of the Washington delegation. These special committees were named and the two territories elected a joint executive committee. The resolution committee's report was adopted, accompanied by a perfunctory memorial to congress, outlined existing conditions in both territories, called attention to their vast resources, insisted on a single form of government and demanded the admission of Oklahoma and Indian territory as a whole, according to their present boundaries.

Dinner to Croker.

New York, Nov. 15.—Richard Croker was the guest of honor last night at a dinner tendered him at the Democratic club by the board of governors and the officials of the club. Covers were laid for 24. At the conclusion of the dinner a handsome silver jardiniere was presented to Mr. Croker. The trend of the speeches was to the effect that Mr. Croker would undoubtedly act as the leading spirit in the movement to unite the Democratic party in the state and to lead it again in the municipal elections.

Grangers Make Great Gain.

Lewistown, Mo., Nov. 15.—Nearly 2,000 members are in attendance upon the annual meeting here of the National Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. Various reports were considered yesterday. The report of the national secretary, John Trimble of Washington, showed that during the year 192 new granges were instituted in the United States. The treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Dowell, showed total receipts \$21,216 and expenditures of \$17,572.

Iowa Dairywomen Elect.

Dubuque, Nov. 15.—The Iowa State Dairy association closed its convention here yesterday with the election of the following officers: President, D. S. Shillings, Mason City; vice president, H. R. Carpenter, Elkader; secretary, J. C. Daly, Charles City; treasurer, M. W. Ashby, Hazleton. The association endorsed E. Suddendorf of Elgin, Ills., for superintendent of the dairy exhibition at the St. Louis exposition.

Knights of Labor in Session.

Indianapolis, Nov. 15.—At the national convention of the Knights of Labor yesterday General Master Workman Simon Burns submitted his annual report, which consisted largely of an attack on the American Federation of Labor. The general executive committee and Secretary Hays also reported. Hays recommended that the order secure the introduction in congress of laws to control the trusts.

Suffragists Elect Mrs. Ballard.

Waterloo, Ia., Nov. 15.—The Iowa Equal Suffrage association closed its 30th annual convention here last night. The convention has been a successful one. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Adelaide Ballard, Hull; secretary, Mrs. Nellie W. Nelson, Des Moines; treasurer, Anna Ankeny, Des Moines.

Ovation to Helen Gould.

New York, Nov. 15.—Miss Helen M. Gould was accorded an ovation at the

jubilee dinner of the international committee of the Young Men's Christian association of North America, which was held at the Waldorf Astoria last night. Dr. Lucien J. Warner presided at the dinner and there were about 500 diners and guests.

MOLINEUX IN THE BALANCE.

Fight Now On to Quash Indictment After Many Trials.

New York, Nov. 15.—Two former governors of New York—David B. Hill and Frank S. Black—met in argument yesterday in the court of general sessions on the motion to quash the indictment charging Roland B. Molineux with the murder by mailed poison of Mrs. Katherine J. Adams. Molineux was once convicted and sentenced to death, but the court of appeals gave him a new trial for error on the part of the court. Mr. Hill, associated with Assistant District Attorney James Osborne, opposed in behalf of the state the motion to quash and Mr. Black joined with Weeks, Battle and Marshall and former District Attorney W. M. K. O'cott in pressing the motion in behalf of the alleged poisoner.

CONVICTS AGAIN CAPTORS.

Colored Porter on Santa Fe Train Has Experience Similar to Cook's.

Florence, Kan., Nov. 15.—Two of the convicts who escaped last week from the Fort Leavenworth penitentiary boarded a westbound Santa Fe passenger train at Clementa during the night and forced the porter, who tried to put them off the blind baggage, to put out his lantern light and remain on the platform with them. The pair finally jumped off the train at Florence at 4:30 a. m. and took refuge in the heavy timber near there. A posse of Leavenworth guards came on the fast mail two hours later and started in pursuit.

Another Delay in "Q" Affairs.

Chicago, Nov. 15.—Another adjournment of the stockholders' meeting of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railway was taken yesterday, this time till Nov. 21. The stockholders met at 11 a. m. and promptly took a recess till noon. At that hour they reassembled and agreed on another postponement. The Post says that while details which would show the reason for the delay in the election of directors are lacking it is apparent that the settlement of the Great Northern difficulty does not carry with it a settlement of the Burlington troubles. It is evident, says the Post, that the proportion of representation which should be accorded the different interests is still a stumbling block.

Blizzard in York State.

Syracuse, N. Y., Nov. 15.—The snow storm throughout central New York continues with unabated severity. Country roads are in many cases blocked and huge drifts are piling along the fences. Streams are rising and several places report threatened floods. About ten inches of snow has fallen. The mercury is about at the freezing point.

Foraker-Matthews Wedding.

Cincinnati, Nov. 15.—The wedding of Miss F. Lawrence Marguerite Foraker, daughter of Senator Foraker, and Randolph Matthews occurred yesterday at the Church of the Advent, Walnut hill, near the senator's residence, and was followed by a brilliant reception at the bride's home.

Nurses Are Not to Blame.

Chicago, Nov. 15.—Mrs. Kate Green and Miss May Shea, nurses charged with starving two female patients at the Dunning asylum, are exonerated from all blame in connection with the death of the patients by the report of the county civil service commission, made public yesterday.

Falls Into a Corn Husker.

Papillion, Neb., Nov. 15.—Mike Sewerel, while working around his corn husking and shredding machine, accidentally fell into it. His left arm was badly mangled to the elbow and it is thought that he is hurt inwardly.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

A suicide club was formed at Atlantic City, N. J.

Fire Thursday cleaned out the Pankratz Lumber company's yard at Sturgeon Bay, Wis. Loss, \$40,000.

The British cabinet is divided by a dispute over the war taxes. Joseph Chamberlain leads one faction and Sir Michael Hicks-Beach the other.

According to the latest reports from the republic of Salvador, that country is enjoying a period of peace and prosperity almost unparalleled in her history.

The remains of Major Adam Kramer, U. S. A., retired, who died at Iowa City a few days ago, were interred at Arlington Thursday with full military honors.

The stage and mail coach running between Marlow and Bailey, I. T., was held up Thursday by highwaymen. Mail pouches were rifled and the passengers and driver robbed of all cash and valuables.

The Society of the Army of the Tennessee refused to authorize an inquiry into the conduct of General Wallace at Shiloh, as requested by him. The entire plant of the Aurora Mining company was swallowed up by a cave-in of its mines at Onorogo, near Joplin, Mo. The miners had a narrow escape.

A boiler explosion near Esmond, N. D., caused the death of Engineer George Sanderson and Fireman Joseph Miller. The boiler belonged to a threshing outfit.

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